<u>REMARKS</u>

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application.

Claims 1-27 are pending. Claim 10 has been amended. No new matter has been added.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claims 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as not falling within

one of the four statutory categories of invention. Applicant has amended Claim 10 to

set forth that the adjusting operation is performed by an image processing apparatus.

Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner withdrawn the rejection.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully

submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

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Please charge any shortages and credit any overages to Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Any necessary extension of time for response not already requested is hereby requested. Please charge any corresponding fee to Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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